

**Presbyterian Times
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A Message from Our Pastor
Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1 and will carry us on to Easter in April. This is a special time in the life of the church. We prepare our hearts to celebrate our faith's highest holy day. This is traditionally a season of study, reflection, prayer and self-examination. There will be a variety of ways to guide you through this season. In Adult Sunday School you can join in a study of the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. On Monday mornings at 10:00 you can join a Bible study in the Sadler Lounge. On Thursday evenings at 6:30 Fired Up! will be focusing on Biblical reflections of the season. At 7:00 on Thursday evenings we will continue studying and reflecting on the ways our faith intersects our daily lives. Of course, on Sundays we will continue to worship together. Please join us for any or all of these opportunities to worship, fellowship and grow in faith.

Sermon Titles and Passages

Lent 1 March 5 "The Beginning of Reconciliation" Matthew 4:1-11

Lent 2 March 12 "Just Out of Curiosity..." John 3:1-17

Lent 3 March 19 "To Know Suffering" John 4:5-52

Lent 4 March 26 "Disrupting the Status Quo" John 9:1-41

Lent 5 April 2 "What the Breath of God Can Do" Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45

Lent 6 April 8 Palm/Passion Sunday

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School meets at 11:00 in the Journey Room off of the fellowship hall. Throughout Lent we will be studying the life and ministry of Paul. Bring your coffee and snacks and join us for this study together. Marcia Brewer will be teaching and leading the discussions, as well as using a DVD to bring added insight. JOIN US!

Today and Tomorrow Task Force (TNT)

As I mentioned during the Congregational meeting, the Session formed a task force to examine our life together and to help us to discern where we need to grow, where we are flourishing, and where we may go into our future. To gather this information, the session approved a small task force which includes Jean Moran-Day (worship committee member), Ray Fox (former trustee), Jan Roberts (installed deacon) and Jonathan Kimball (non-installed elder). These four have already been meeting one on one with committee members, Trustees, Deacons, and Elders. Once they have finished these interviews, they will examine the survey responses and begin interviewing others in our congregation. We are hoping to interview at least 50% of our worship attendance. Those who do not serve on committees or as an officer will be chosen at random for interviews. Please note, when the TNT has finished their interviews they will notify the congregation and invite anyone who has not been interviewed the opportunity to respond to the questions. Once the interviews are finished, the task force and session will share with the congregation the results as well as possible next steps for us.

We as a congregation have much to offer, and we hope this study will help us focus our energy and ministries together. If you have questions about the questions, process, time line, etc., please do not hesitate to ask one of the task force members or Pastor Lou Ellen. Please keep this group in your prayers as they carry out this process.

Thank you!

PALS Lunch Cheryl Koederitz

PALS will meet for lunch on Monday, March 6, at 11:45 am at El Carnaval (near Lowes and Kohls).

Yarning for God Mary Alofs

We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening at the Stitch Nitch from 7 – 8:30 pm.

Lenten Luncheons Presbyterian Women

THEME: *"Forgiveness"*

THURSDAY, March 23 ...

SPEAKER: Rev. Bob Morrison

Retired Methodist Minister

THURSDAY, March 30 ...

SPEAKER: Phil Cox PhD

Director of Pastoral Care at PCRM

THURSDAY, April 06 ...

SPEAKER: Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley

Pastor First Presbyterian Church

Cost of lunch will be \$4.00 per person

Please call the church at 364-3852 by the preceding Wednesday for reservations.

All proceeds will go to One Great Hour of Sharing

Membership/Fellowship Committee

Bob May, Chair

Fellowship. Thanks to those who have been good supporters in providing food for fellowship time. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please see Volunteer Sheet outside office. Note visitors and invite them to join with us after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Chili Cook off. Sunday, Feb. 19, More than thirty people attended and enjoyed chili prepared by 6 “cookers”. Plan to come next year and join in the festivities.

Coming Events.

First Friday Night Out. This coming Friday, March 4th. 6:00 p.m. We'll meet and eat at Bandana's Restaurant, Martin Springs Drive. Please contact Lee Bennett 341-2130 or Bob May 341-2646 so we can reserve space.

Hike and/or just Visit. Sunday, April 9th, 3:00 p.m. Veterans Park, Southview Drive. Bring a sack snack for after the hike. Paved walkways and pavilion at the Park – adjoining longer surfaced trail.

Cardinal Baseball Game. Wednesday, April 26th. Currently sold out – see Britt Whitaker or Nancy Marlow you're interested in Standby List.

Block Party. Saturday, June 17th. 5:00 p.m. On Church parking lot - Music, games, food.

Pictorial Directory. In the Fall.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Frank Jessop

Around the world, millions of people lack access to substitutable food sources, clean water, sanitation, and opportunity.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent (March 1 – April 15), makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Our goal for the One Great Hour of Sharing is \$2,000. Each fish that is placed on the fish net represents \$50.00.

It isn't about a smile; it's about what is inside of your smile.

Julia Roberts, Actress

How Well Do You Know Our Congregation?

Karen Hudson

Hi, I'm Karen Hudson. My husband Bill and I were born in central Iowa. We were both farm kids. I attended a one room school through eighth grade (bless those teachers that taught in them). After high school, I went to beauty school, worked for a couple of years before we got married. Bill and I met in a bowling alley, so we went bowling, guess that was our first date! I attended a small Presbyterian Church in a small town, was baptized, confirmed and married there. I became a farmer's wife, helped on the farm, driving tractors, delivering calves, etc. also still worked in town. We have two fine sons, later three wonderful grandchildren. We moved to Rolla sixteen years ago. As we had been going to the Methodist church, we decided to visit the Presbyterian Church, met Rev. Miles White. We liked him so much and everyone was very welcoming here we decided this was for us.

A Fired Up! Lent

Jonathan Kimball

The format for Fired Up! will change somewhat for Lent, which begins March 1. We will be using the *Presbyterians Today Lenten Devotional*. For each day of Lent, the devotional has brief story as told by a biblical figure, with a short concluding prayer. Each week in Fired Up! we will consider the seven stories together. We will open with a centering song. Then two leaders, a man and a woman, will read the seven first-person narratives of corresponding gender. As each narrative ends, the gathered group will pray together and reflect silently.

After the seven narratives, we will have a response song, and then share our joys and concerns and pray together, before dismissing with a final song. This new format will facilitate a deeper consideration of all the lives that Jesus touched, and the lessons we can still learn from them. Please consider joining us this Lenten season.

Prayer immediately turns us into something greater than ourselves.
Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Presbyterians Cook
Carol Jessop

Easy Scones

1 egg, well beaten
1/3 cup milk
2 cups biscuit mix
3 Tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon grated lemon or orange rind
½ cup raisins

Combine egg and milk. Measure biscuit mix into bowl. Add sugar, rind and raisins. Add milk and stir with fork until soft dough is formed. Knead 30 seconds on floured board.

Divide dough into 2 equal parts; pat or roll each into a circle, ½ inch thick. With sharp knife, cut each circle into 6 triangles. Place on a greased baking sheet. Brush tops with milk, sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 450 degrees 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 12 scones.

From the Office
Betti Jo Pyatt, Office Manager

As I will be out of the office March 24 – 31 please have your articles for the April Newsletter to me by Monday, March 20th.

Our Birthday Wishes for March go out to Jacob Drewniak, Lucy Greig, Deborah Hall, David Cottingham, Serena Franks, Ryne Fox, Steve Bowles, Gerre McKay, Lee Bennett and Bob Anderson.

Anniversary Wishes for March go out to Eugene and Janice Zanders, Jonathan and Rhonda Kimball, and George and Fredi Zobrist.

Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 12 as Daylight Savings Time returns.